

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-mentioned application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 20 and 41 have been amended, and new claims 42-45 have been added. After claim amendments, deletions and additions, claims 1-15, 17-34 and 36-45 are now pending in the application. Applicant has amended the independent claims and added new dependent claims 42-45 to further define the invention. Claim 1, for example, is amended to added the feature of an investigative tool for debriefing the event at a later stage. Support for these claims is present in Applicant's specification in paragraphs [0022] and [0035], for example.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §102 & §103

Claims 1-15, 17-34 and 36-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Anthony et al. (US6,559,769) (hereinafter "Anthony"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as set forth below.

Applicant submits that Anthony fails to teach or suggest the investigative tool for debriefing the event at a later stage claimed in claim 1, as well as the corresponding features of independent claims 20 and 41.

Although Anthony and the present invention both relate to capturing and recording communication channels related to vehicles, there are multiple novel

merits to the disclosed invention over Anthony. Anthony's goal is to track and monitor in real-time an event, and supply a warning as early as possible. Thus, although data is stored and accessed, it is done in order to enable early warning (col. 4 line 52-col 5. line 5), "The preferred embodiment of the present invention normally operates under one of three modes: snooze, active, and alarm" (col. 12 lines 22-24).

Applicant's invention, however, is aimed at, *inter alia*, post-investigating an event. As stated in paragraph [0012], "There is a further need to search and to replay particular combinations of the recordings in combination with other collected data in order to assist in the post-event investigation, analysis, reconstruction and debriefing," and "at a later stage an investigative tool may be used to debrief each incident or event captured. This tool enables the review of the event or incident as it unfolds second by second ..." Paragraph [0035].

Yet another difference is that Anthony mentions capturing and recording information only within the scene or only information from emergency vehicles associated with the scene are recorded. In Applicant's invention, however, communication with and within the command and control center are also captured and recorded, which is crucial for investigating the full flow of an event and drawing conclusions from past events: "The command and control centers 24, 26 are linked to the communication network 22 typically via wired communication lines 25', 25", such as dedicated and secure telephone lines, and the like. The command and control centers 24, 26 are provided with the

capability of communicating with each other in order to provide for the two-way transmission of the multi-media data streams for purposes of further monitoring, enhanced analysis and advanced event handling." Paragraph [0024]. These limitations appear in new claims 43 and 45.

The amendments to claims 1, 20, and 41 reflect the above-described difference in objective and structure between the present invention and Anthony. In particular, a limitation has been added to the independent claims relating to a component or a step for later investigating or debriefing the event. The investigation is described by "at a later stage an investigative tool may be used to debrief each incident or event captured. This tool enables the review of the event or incident as it unfolds second by second..." Paragraph [0035].

By contrast, Anthony fails to make any teaching or suggestion of an investigative tool for debriefing an event at a later stage or debriefing the event at a later stage. Therefore, claims 1, 20 and 41 are patentable over Anthony.

Applicant submits that claims 2-15, 17-19, 21-34, 36-39, and 42-45 are patentable, at least because of their dependence from claims 1, 20, and 41, respectively.

Furthermore, Anthony fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of new claims 42-45. New claims 42 and 44 represent limitations removed from claims 1 and 20 about at least one of the at least two capture devices being located in a facility external to the transportation vehicle, and dependent claims 43 and 45 represent wherein the capture device is located in a command and

control center. As described in paragraph [0024] of the specification, "The command and control centers 24, 26 are linked to the communication network 22 typically via wired communication lines 25', 25", such as dedicated and secure telephone lines, and the like. The command and control centers 24, 26 are provided with the capability of communicating with each other in order to provide for the two-way transmission of the multi-media data streams for purposes of further monitoring, enhanced analysis and advanced event handling." Anthony, however, fails to disclose the capture device is located in a command and control center. Accordingly, these claims are patentable for this additional reason.

CONCLUSION

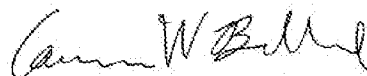
In view of the above explanations and amendments, Applicant believes that the application is now in order for allowance and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 101374.55365US).

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